



**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER 11 / 12 20**  
**Friday 10th February 2012**

**Achievements to Celebrate**  
**Branscombe Waves Award:**

**Finn:** for making a lovely card to send to Christopher  
**Jamie:** for working hard with his numbers and phonics  
**Nicole:** for forming her letters and numbers well  
**Meg:** for showing determination and perseverance with swimming  
**Lauren:** for coping cheerfully with all the changes she is dealing with at the moment

Branscombe C of E Primary School  
Children's Aims  
We will try to:



**The Branscombe Waves**

Dear Parents

We would like to say a big thank you to Miss Howard who has been working with Class 2 this term. Today is her last day of her teaching practice and we wish her well for her future career. The children have enjoyed welcoming her into the class.

Do enjoy the week away from school. We are very much looking forward to the second half of term, several exciting events are planned (some are mentioned below), starting with our annual pancake racing the day after we come back.

God bless and we hope you have a lovely holiday.  
Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe School.

**Key Dates**

Mrs Gray will be in school on Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd February.

**Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February** - half term holiday

**Monday 20th February** - return to school

**Tuesday 21st February** - Pancake Day

**Friday 24th February** - Class 2 Swimming lesson. Last one.

**Monday 5th March** - 6-a-side football - small schools cup

**Monday 19th March** - start of Community Fortnight - further details to follow

**Wednesday 21st March** - Easter Garden competition - see below for further details

**Friday 30th March** - Class 2 trip to St Nicholas Priory for Tudor Day

**Friday 30th March** - last day of term

**Monday 2nd April - Monday 16th April** - Easter Holidays

**Tuesday 17th April** - return to school after Easter Holidays

### **Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers**

We have just received our pack for collecting the Active Kids Vouchers, so if you or your family and friends shop at Sainsburys please place the vouchers in the box in the foyer. Last year we managed to get a number of items the children to play with at lunchtimes and use in PE so it is well worth us doing.

### **School Meals**

Please find attached new menus for the school meals. These menus will run from after half term to the end of the summer term with the first week back after half term being Week One on the menu.

### **PTFA**

Thank you to Louisa and Claire who ran the cake stall last Monday - they raised £20. Please find a copy of the minutes from the last PTFA meeting attached.

### **Audit**

Please be aware that on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday that we return to school we will be having our 3 yearly financial audit. The school office will be closed during this time to allow the audit to take place. Please ensure that you use the box outside the office for all notes, letters and money; this way we can ensure that they get dealt with and not mixed up amongst the audit paperwork. Thank you.

### **Class 2 Trip - Tudor Day**

The date for the Tudor Day has been confirmed as Friday 30th March. The day will be packed full of activities including making butter and marzipan and taking part in a Tudor Masque. The children are asked to attend dressed as Tudors so we have included a sheet with simple ideas for costumes but should you need any help please do not hesitate to ask. All children will require a Tudor style packed lunch. For a traditional Tudor Lunch we suggest any of the following:

MEAT: chicken or ham, CHEESE: Hard or soft, BREAD: Roll, preferably crusty but not essential. EGG: Hardboiled, FRUIT: Apple, Pear, Cherry, Plum, Strawberry, dried fruit, BISCUITS: Oatmeal.

We will provide apple juice or water for the children to drink from traditional Tudor cups and jugs. Please do not pack crisps, chocolate or yoghurt. If possible, packed lunches should be brought in a cloth bag. This can simply be a circle of cloth, approximately 35cm. in diameter, which can be gathered at the top and tied with a piece of wool.

Details of travel arrangements and the final cost of the trip will be confirmed after the holiday.

### **Easter Garden Competition**

There will be an Easter Garden competition in which the children should create an Easter Garden - no bigger than the size of a shoe box. Submissions should be made on the 21st March, with judging taking place on this day.

### **Shrove Tuesday**

Please join us for Traditional pancake races on Tuesday 21st February at 1.30pm at Branscombe Village Hall. Each child is asked to bring a frying pan and pancake for tossing. We hope to follow the races by serving pancakes to the children in the Village Hall. The children in class 2 will make pancakes but donations of milk, eggs, flour, lemons, sugar, syrup or ready made pancakes would be gratefully received. Please bring any donations in on Monday 20th February.

### **Gymnastics Festival**

As you know Class 2 thoroughly enjoyed their Gymnastics Festival last week. We thought you might like to see a couple of photographs taken on the day.

